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**STATUS OF THE RESOLUTIONS OF THE
TWENTY-SECOND REGULAR MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

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RESOLUTION	OPERATIVE PARAGRAPHS	PROGRESS ACHIEVED
1. Process to transform IICA into a development organization		
<u>Resolution 362</u> IICA's Institutional Transformation Process	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To support the efforts of the General Directorate, within the framework of the existing Convention, to transform the Institute into an effective organization for development that promotes prosperity in rural communities, food security and the sustainable development of agriculture in the Americas. 2. To instruct the Director General to prepare and present, for the consideration of the Executive Committee, at its next Regular Meeting: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. a document outlining a clear strategy for achieving the institutional transformation already begun. b. the amendments to the rules and regulations of the Institute necessary for implementing that strategy that require either the approval of the Executive Committee or of the IABA. 	<p>Operative paragraph 1: In progress</p> <p>i) A first document has been prepared on the vision and strategy, as a basis for discussion.</p> <p>ii) An internal meeting was held in November 2002 and a working group was established to work on preparing the strategy.</p> <p>Operative paragraph 2: In progress</p> <p>i) The subject will be addressed at the Twenty-third Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee, as part of the Director General's presentation on the implementation of the 2002-2006 Medium Term Plan.</p>
<u>Resolution 363</u> IICA's 60th Anniversary	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To congratulate IICA on its 60th anniversary. 	Operative paragraph 1. Fulfilled
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. To support the efforts of the General Directorate to transform the Institute into an effective organization for development that promotes prosperity in rural communities, food security and the sustainable development of agriculture. 	<p>Operative paragraph 2: Fulfilled</p> <p>This provision is in force, and will be implemented through the aforementioned Resolution 362.</p>

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2. Medium Term Plan, Programs and Projects		
Resolution 364 2002-2006 Medium Term Plan	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To approve Document IICA/CE/Doc.405(02) "2002-2006 Medium Term Plan," as the frame of reference for the Institute's actions during said period. 2. To request that the Director General report to the Executive Committee, at its Twenty-third Regular Meeting, on the administrative, financial and programmatic measures adopted to execute the Plan, and on progress made to date. 3. To instruct the Director General to take an active role in promoting among IICA Associates, permanent observers, third countries, enterprises, foundations and funding agencies, contributions to strengthen the Special Funds to be used in the execution of the programs of IICA's 2002-2006 MTP in the areas of: Trade and Agribusiness Development; Technology and Innovation; Agricultural Health and Food Safety; Sustainable Rural Development; Information and Communication; and Education and Training. 	<p>Operative paragraph 1: Fulfilled</p> <p>Operative paragraph 2: Note: This topic is on the agenda of the Twenty-third Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee.</p> <p>Operative paragraph 3: In progress No additional contributions have been made.</p>

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	<p>4. To encourage the Member States to make voluntary contributions, above and beyond their quota contributions to the Institute, to strengthen the Special Funds.</p> <p>5. To congratulate the Director General for promoting the broad participation of the Member States in the process of preparing the 2002-2006 Medium Term Plan.</p>	<p>Operative paragraph 4: Pending i) The Government of the United States of America has made an extra-quota contribution of US\$500,000 for the special fund for agricultural health and food safety.</p> <p>Operative paragraph 5: Fulfilled</p>
<p>Resolution 365 Special Advisory Commission on Management Issues - 2002</p>	<p>1. To thank the members of the Advisory Commission for analyzing the aforementioned draft resolutions, and for its recommendations to the Executive Committee contained in the report of the meeting held in San Jose, Costa Rica, on July 18-19, 2002, and to accept its recommendations. .</p> <p>2. To instruct the Director General to adopt such measures as may be necessary to comply with the recommendations of the Advisory Commission which fall under the responsibility of the General Directorate.</p> <p>3. To urge the Member States to support and facilitate compliance with the recommendations of the Advisory Commission which fall under their responsibility.</p>	<p>Operative paragraph 1: Fulfilled</p> <p>Operative paragraph 2: Fulfilled¹ The General Directorate has dealt with all the recommendations made by the Commission.</p> <p>Operative paragraph 3: Provision in force</p>

¹ See the Director General's Report on compliance with the recommendations of the Special Advisory Commission on Management Issues.

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<p>Resolution 366 Inter-American Program for the Promotion of Agricultural Trade, Agribusiness and Food Safety</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To support the work being done by the General Directorate to promote agriculture trade, agribusiness and food safety, and the efforts to obtain additional resources in this field. 2. To instruct the Director General to incorporate into the proposed Inter-American Program for the Promotion of Agricultural Trade, Agribusiness and Food Safety the comments and suggestions of the Working Group (appended hereto) and other Member States during this meeting of the Executive Committee, and to transmit the revised proposal to the Member States of the Executive Committee by correspondence, in accordance with Articles 93 and 94 of the Rules of Procedures of the Executive Committee, in order to obtain approval of the proposal. 	<p>Operative paragraph 1: Fulfilled</p> <p>Operative paragraph 2: Fulfilled</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i) A revised version of the program was prepared and sent to the Member States sitting on the Executive Committee. ii) The Member States have given a positive response to same. iii) The program is currently being implemented. Progress on same will be reported to the Executive Committee, at its Twenty-third Regular Meeting.
<p>Resolution 367 Implementation of Resolution IICA/JIA/RES. 382 (XI-O/01) Overall Assessment of IICA's Agricultural Health and Food Safety Program</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To instruct the Director General to present the Overall Assessment to the Member States prior to the next meeting of the Special Advisory Committee on Management Issues. The Overall Assessment shall be carried out within the framework of the Medium Term Plan and shall: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Assess the current environment, as well as the major issues facing IICA Member States in agricultural health and food safety, taking into account IICA/CE/Doc. 407(02); b. Identify future strategic interests in the hemisphere, in relationship to the current and future trade environment; 	<p>Resolution fulfilled:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i) The terms of reference for the assessment were prepared, following strictly the provisions of this resolution. ii) The assessment has been conducted. iii) The General Directorate will present to the Executive Committee, at its Twenty-third Regular Meeting, the viable recommendations formulated by the evaluators and the corresponding funding proposal.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> c. Review the adequacy of the IICA agricultural health and food safety mission and structure to meet future strategic interests of the hemisphere; d. Assess the ability of IICA agricultural health and food safety resources to meet future strategic interests; and e. Develop recommendations to strengthen and enhance IICA's role in the agricultural health and food systems. <p>2. To establish a special Assessment Team to conduct the Overall Assessment, as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Dr. Harry Mussman, a former IICA Program Director and internationally respected expert in agricultural health and food safety, shall be the Team Leader; b. The team shall consist of at least one expert in agricultural health and food safety from each of the five geographical regions of IICA – the Northern Region, the Caribbean Region, the Central American Region, the Andean Region and the Southern Region; c. The IICA Agricultural Health and Food Safety (AHFS) Program shall provide logistical and administrative services to support the Assessment Team; 	

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	<p>d. The Assessment Team will consult, at the regional level, to learn of issues of concern , as well as views and concerns regarding the relationship of agricultural health and food safety to trade; and</p> <p>e. The Assessment Team will present the Overall Assessment to the Director General with sufficient time to permit him to meet the deadline established in operative paragraph 1 above.</p> <p>3. To urge Member States to provide special funds and other resources to finance the Overall Assessment.</p>	
<p>Resolution 368 Promotion of the Condition of IICA Associate Status among Permanent Observers, Non-Member Countries and International Organizations</p>	<p>1. To instruct the Director General to encourage Permanent Observers of IICA and of the OAS, other countries and qualified entities to contribute resources to the Institute's activities and to become IICA Associates.</p> <p>2. To instruct the Director General to present, at the Twenty-third Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee, a report on progress made to date in recruiting IICA Associates, as well as recommendations for reforming the rules on Permanent Observers which shall, inter alia, require States which wish to obtain and maintain that status to contribute significant resources to the Institute's programs and activities.</p>	<p>Operative paragraph 1. In final stages of completion.</p> <p>i) The Director General has begun meeting with the ambassadors of IICA's Permanent Observers in Costa Rica.</p> <p>ii) Israel and Japan, which are currently Permanent Observers, have requested information and are studying the possibility of becoming IICA Associates.</p> <p>Operative paragraph 2: In progress</p> <p>The proposal will be presented to the Executive Committee, at its Twenty-third Regular Meeting.</p>

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Resolution 369 Establishment of Associate Expert Status	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To support the Director General's initiative for creating the category "IICA Associate Expert" as a new source of human resources and expertise for the Institute. 2. To instruct the Director General to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Submit to the next Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee draft amendments to the Rules of Procedure of the General Directorate and other rules requiring the approval of IICA's governing bodies necessary for creating the category of Associate Expert as a vehicle for obtaining sufficient technical expertise to carry out IICA's mandates. b) Incorporate the principle of gender equity into this proposal. 	<p>Operative paragraph 1: In force</p> <p>Operative paragraph 2: In progress</p> <p>The proposed rules for this status will be presented to the Executive Committee, at its Twenty-third Regular Meeting.</p>
Resolution 370 Progress made in Joint IICA/FAO Efforts	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To acknowledge the work of the Director General of IICA to strengthen joint efforts between IICA and FAO to the benefit of their Member States, especially those in Latin America and the Caribbean. 2. To instruct the Director General to continue working to strengthen ties with FAO and to report on the progress made in joint actions and in developing new mechanisms for concerted action, to both the Executive Committee, at its Twenty-third Regular Meeting, and to the Inter-American Board of Agriculture, at its Twelfth Regular Meeting, to be held in 2003. 	<p>Operative paragraph 1: Fulfilled</p> <p>Operative paragraph 2: Fulfilled</p> <p>i) On the occasion of the 27th FAO Conference for Latin America and the Caribbean, held in Havana, Cuba, April 23-May 5, 2002, IICA and FAO signed an aide memoire for cooperation between the two organizations during the 2002-2003 period. This document established the general framework for joint cooperation, expressed the satisfaction of the two organizations with the progress achieved to date, and agreed on the relevance of continuing the process of</p>

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		<p>consultation and joint programming of actions, with a view to achieving a greater and more efficient coordination of programs and moving on to the identification of joint activities.</p> <p>ii) The Director General of IICA met with Mr. David Harcharik, Deputy Director-General of FAO, and Gustavo Gordillo, FAO Director for Latin America and the Caribbean, to strengthen joint action.</p> <p>iii) A number of important joint IICA-FAO actions are being implemented, about which the Director General of IICA will report to the Twenty-third Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee, to be held in Costa Rica on July 23-24, 2003.</p> <p>iv) The report “Working Together” was published and distributed, which contains information on the main joint efforts between IICA and its strategic partners, including FAO.</p>
<u>Resolution 371</u> 2001 Annual Report of IICA	To approve the 2001 Annual Report of IICA.	Resolution fulfilled
3. Budgetary and Financial Matters		

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<p>Resolution 372 Distribution of the Resources of the 2003 Program Budget</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To approve the Program Budget for 2003, in accordance with the allocations for each of the chapters, headings and strategic areas detailed in Document IICA/JIA/Doc.410(02), "Proposed Detailed Allocation of Regular Fund Resources for the Year 2003," a summary of which is attached hereto as "Appendix A." 2. To instruct the Director General to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Incorporate all changes necessary to fund the recommendations of the overall assessment of the agricultural health and food safety program, to be conducted in accordance with Resolution IICA/JIA/Res.382(XI-O/01), and the resolution approved by this Committee regarding the overall assessment. b. Present to the next meeting of the Special Advisory Commission on Management Issues: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i) A report on the use and impact of the regular resources earmarked for pre-investment. ii) A report on the measures taken to make more efficient use of resources earmarked for international travel. 	<p>Operative paragraph 1: Fulfilled</p> <p>Operative paragraph 2: In progress</p> <p>The proposed Implementation Plan of the recommendations of the assessment includes the human resource and financial requirements.</p> <p>The proposals for financing the Institute in 2004-2005 (Program Budget and others) include resources for financing the implementation of the recommendations of the assessment that come under the responsibility of the Institute.</p> <p>Operative paragraph 2b: In progress</p> <p>The report was presented to the members of the Special Advisory Commission on Management Issues.</p> <p>The report will be prepared at the end of fiscal year 2003.</p>

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	<p>3. To authorize the Director General to make transfers between the chapters of the Program Budget, provided total transfers neither increase nor reduce the amount allocated to the chapters by more than 10% and do not substantially affect the priorities approved.</p> <p>4. To authorize the Director General to make necessary adjustments in the allocation of resources recommended in this resolution, should income from fiscal year 2003 fall below the amount estimated. The Director General shall inform the Executive Committee and the IABA of this situation.</p>	<p>Provision in force</p> <p>Provision in force</p>
Resolution 373 Financial Statements of the Institute for 2001 and Report of the External Auditors	To approve Document IICA/CE/Doc.411(02) "Financial Statements of the Institute for 2001 and Report of the External Auditors."	Resolution fulfilled
Resolution 374 Eighth Report of the Audit Review Committee	<p>1. To approve the Eighth Report of the ARC.</p> <p>2. To instruct the Director General to implement the recommendations set out in the Eighth Report of the ARC.</p>	<p>Operative paragraph 1: Fulfilled</p> <p>Operative paragraph 2: Fulfilled</p>
Resolution 375 Proposal for the Collection of Outstanding Quota Payments to the Institute	<p>1. To urge those Member States in arrears to pay their past due quotas to the Institute so as to enable the Institute to comply fully with its mandates.</p> <p>2. To request the Director General to use his best efforts to conclude payment plans with those Member States which are unable to pay their arrearages immediately, so as to facilitate a more orderly programming of the Institute's activities.</p>	<p>Operative paragraph 1: In progress</p> <p>i) A letter has been prepared and will be sent to the Member States accompanied by a copy of this resolution.²</p> <p>ii) Currently, payment arrangements have been agreed to with 3 Member States, and negotiations are under way to formalize payment schedules with other Member States in arrears with the Institute.</p>

² To date, the total owed by the Member States to the Institute in annual quotas is US\$40,657,217 of which US\$13,540,545 correspond to years prior to 2003.

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4. Rules and Procedures		
Resolution 376 Amendments to the Regulations Governing the Inter-American Awards in the Rural Sector	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To approve the amendments to the Regulations Governing the Inter-American Awards in the Rural Sector proposed by the Director General, which, among other things, establish a new award recognizing the outstanding contributions of enterprises and institutions to agricultural and rural development in the Americas. 2. To entrust the Director General with applying, effective immediately, the new procedures set out in Document IICA/CE/Doc.414(02) "Proposed Amendments to the Regulations Governing the Inter-American Awards in the Rural Sector." 	<p>Operative paragraph 1: Fulfilled</p> <p>Operative paragraph 2: In progress³ The new procedures are being used for selecting and granting the 2002-2003 Inter-American Awards.</p>
Resolution 377 Emeritus Status	To grant Jaime H. Acosta Bernal, Rodolfo Martinez Ferrate, Hector Morales Jara, Gilberto Paez Bogarin, Antonio Pinchinat and Rodolfo Quiros Guardia the title of Emeritus of the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture, with all the rights and privileges this entails. In the case of Rodolfo Martinez Ferrate, this title shall become effective on January 16, 2003.	<p>Resolution fulfilled</p> <p>All the titles of emeritus were delivered to the staff members listed in Resolution 377.</p>
Resolution 378 Official Languages at Meetings of the Executive Committee	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To maintain the deliberations of the Executive Committee in the official languages of the countries that are members of the Executive Committee, and to provide simultaneous interpretation in those languages. 	Resolution fulfilled: Operative paragraph 1: In force

³ The new procedures established in the Regulations are being used for selecting candidates for the 2002-2003 Inter-American Awards.

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	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. To agree that the resolutions, recommendations, agreements, minutes and reports produced during the meetings of the Executive Committee shall be prepared and distributed in English and Spanish and that, subsequent to the meeting, the final report shall be published and distributed in the four official languages of the Institute. 3. To request the General Directorate to incorporate the corresponding amendments into the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Committee. 	<p>Operative paragraph 2: Provision in force This provision will be applied at the Twenty-third Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee (July 2003)</p> <p>Operative paragraph 3: Fulfilled⁴</p>
<p><u>Resolution 379</u> Deadline for Delivering Documents for Meetings of the Executive Committee</p>	<p>To amend the last sentence in Article 29 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Committee, to read: “The Director General shall provide the necessary working documentation to the Member States and IICA Associates 30 days prior to the opening date of the meeting. To that end, the Director General may transmit those documents by Email or post them on the Institute’s web site.”</p>	<p>Resolution fulfilled This resolution will enter into effect for the delivery of the working documents of the Twenty-third Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee (July 2003).</p>
<p><u>Resolution 380</u> Appointment of the Representative of the Inter-American Board of Agriculture to the Board of Directors and to the Governing Council of the Tropical Agriculture Research and Higher Education Center (CATIE)</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To approve the extension of the appointment of Mr. Richard Rortvedt, of the United States of America, as the IABA’s representative to CATIE’s Board of Directors, until December 31, 2004. 2. To recommend that the IABA adopt, at its next Regular Meeting, the rotation mechanism set out in Appendix I of this resolution for appointing its representatives to CATIE’s Governing Council and Board of Directors. 	<p>Resolution fulfilled Provision in force</p> <p>This matter (operative paragraph 2) has been included on the Provisional Agenda of the Twelfth Regular Meeting of the IABA (11-14 November 2003)</p>

⁴ The pages including the amendments are pending distribution to the Member States.

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Resolution 381 Report on the Status of the Resolutions of the Eleventh Regular Meeting of the Inter-American Board of Agriculture	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To accept Document IICA/CE/Doc.416(02)rev. "Report on the Status of the Resolutions of the Eleventh Regular Meeting of the Inter-American Board of Agriculture" and thank the Director General for the report. 2. To instruct the Director General to update and include that report as part of the reference documentation to be made available, in printed and electronic form, to the delegates attending both the Twenty-third Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee and the Twelfth Regular Meeting of the IABA. 	<p>Operative paragraph 1: Fulfilled</p> <p>Operative paragraph 2: Fulfilled</p> <p>The report can be found on IICA's web page at http://www.iica.net</p>
Resolution 382 Report on the Status of the Resolutions of the Twenty-first Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee	To accept Document IICA/CE/Doc.417(02) "Report on the Status of the Resolutions of the Twenty-first Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee."	Resolution fulfilled
Resolution 383 Date and Site of the Twenty-third Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To hold the Twenty-third Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee at IICA Headquarters in San Jose, Costa Rica. 2. To instruct the Director General to issue the call to meeting, in accordance with the rules currently in effect. 	<p>Operative paragraph 1: Fulfilled</p> <p>Provision in force.</p> <p>The meeting will be held at IICA Headquarters on July 23-24, 2003.</p> <p>Operative paragraph 2: Fulfilled</p> <p>The call to the meeting has been sent to the 12 Member States sitting on the Committee, the Member States not on the Committee, Associate countries, Permanent Observers and other guests.</p>